2003 Elementary Literacy Assessment • Schools Report

Chignecto-Central Regional School Board

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Background

The Elementary Literacy Assessment is part of the province's Learning for Life plan to ensure young Nova Scotians have the literacy skills they need to succeed in school and in life. It was administered for the first time from October 14 to 17, 2003. During the assessment, students read a variety of materials, including a short story, information texts, a poem, and a visual media text, and answered questions based on those readings. Students were also required to write a letter suggesting a solution to a problem and write a story in response to a prompt. The charts on the following pages show student performance in terms of not meeting, meeting, or exceeding the expectations for reading and writing.

Helping All Students Succeed

The assessment allowed grade 6 students in Nova Scotia to demonstrate how well they have learned selected reading and writing outcomes of the elementary language arts curriculum. Its purpose is to provide information about individual students' reading and writing skills, so that students who are struggling can be given more support to help them catch up. The Department of Education plans to build on its program of monitoring and supporting student progress with another literacy assessment to be administered when these grade 6 students reach grade 9.

Working With Teachers

The assessment was developed by the department's Testing and Evaluation Division with the help of grade 6 teachers and was field-tested in schools across Nova Scotia. The performance levels required in order for students to meet expectations in reading and in writing were determined by teachers. The writing sections of the assessment were marked by a team of teachers under the direction of the Department of Education.

Sharing Responsibility

It should be remembered that while literacy skills are developed in the school, they are also developed in the home, in the community, and in other areas of life and are influenced by many factors. The results of the Elementary Literacy Assessment, therefore, should not be seen solely as a reflection of students' teachers or schools, nor should the results be used to rank or compare schools.

Chignecto-Central Regional School Board Schools Results

	Reading															Writing																	
	Number of Students			Overall (%)			Males (%)			Females (%)			French Immersion (%)			Overall (%)			Males (%)			Females (%)			French Immersion (%)			Letter-writing (%)			Story-writing (%)		
	Overall	Males	Females	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding
Nova Scotia	10486	5232	5254	10	78	12	12	78	11	9	78	13	4	76	20	19	40	42	24	44	32	13	35	52	13	35	52	37	8	55	34	10	56
Chignecto Central Regional School Board	1911	921	990	10	79	11	11	79	9	8	79	13	1	71	27	19	41	41	25	44	31	13	38	50	9	34	57	37	9	54	35	10	55
A.G. Baillie Memorial School	75	28	47	4	71	25	4	79	18	4	66	30		62	38	7	28	65	11	36	54	4	23	72		19	81	16	7	77	16	8	76
Acadia Street Elementary School	22	9	13	5	77	18	11	78	11		77	23				23	9	68	44	11	44	8	8	85				23	5	73	32		68
Alice Street School	24	12	12	17	54	29	33	25	42		83	17				21	33	46	42	17	42		50	50				29	13	58	46	4	50
Brookfield Memorial School	45	19	26	9	82	9	16	79	5	4	85	12				22	44	33	32	53	16	15	38	46				58	2	40	27	11	62
Central Colchester Junior High School	71	38	33	13	77	10	13	79	8	12	76	12				10	38	52	11	42	47	9	33	58				27	8	65	18	14	68
Cobequid District Elementary School	20	9	11	20	70	10	33	67		9	73	18				30	25	45	44	33	22	18	18	64				40		60	35	10	55
Cyrus Eaton Elementary School	31	15	16	16	77	6	27	67	7	6	88	6				29	39	32	40	33	27	19	44	38				52	3	45	52	3	45
Debert Elementary School	21	12	9	5	95		8	92			100					29	43	29	33	50	17	22	33	44				52	5	43	48	10	43
Douglas Street School	20	12	8	5	80	15	8	92			63	38				10	35	55	17	42	42		25	75				20	10	70	25	5	70
Dr. W.A. MacLeod Elementary School	35	15	20	20	60	20	7	73	20	30	50	20				20	34	46	20	40	40	20	30	50				31	17	51	34	9	57
East Stewiacke Elementary School	30	12	18	13	77	10	17	67	17	11	83	6				17	47	37	33	33	33	6	56	39				43	7	50	37	7	57
F.H. MacDonald Elementary School	59	30	29	7	73	20	10	70	20	3	76	21		87	13	15	47	37	13	53	33	17	41	41	22	48	30	39	8	53	29	15	56
Hilden School	35	12	23	17	77	6	8	92		22	70	9				11	51	37	8	67	25	13	43	43				29	14	57	31	11	57
Jonathan McCully Elementary School	29	12	17	14	69	17	25	58	17	6	76	18				14	38	48	25	75		6	12	82				31	7	62	34	10	55
Junction Road Elementary School	38	16	22	8	89	3	6	94		9	86	5				8	58	34		69	31	14	50	36				16	29	55	34	13	53
Kennetcook District Elementary School	13	6	7	8	85	8	17	67	17		100					8	38	54		50	50	14	29	57				23		77	31	15	54
Maitland District School	10	6	4	10	90		17	83			100					20	70	10	17	83		25	50	25				60	20	20	40	40	20
North River Elementary School	52	25	27	4	81	15		80	20	7	81	11				15	42	42	20	44	36	11	41	48				29	15	56	37	6	58
Northport Consolidated School	14	5	9	14	71	14		80	20	22	67	11				7	50	43		80	20	11	33	56				29		71	29	21	50
Oxford Regional High School	40	24	16	13	83	5	4	88	8	25	75					23	50	28	29	42	29	13	63	25				48	8	45	40	20	40
Parrsboro Regional Elementary School	34	21	13		91	9		86	14		100					18	47	35	29	38	33		62	38				41	3	56	47	6	47
Pictou Academy-Dr. T. McCulloch Jr. High School	41	18	23	10	83	7	11	78	11	9	87	4				24	44	32	39	50	11	13	39	48				46	5	49	44	15	41
Princess Margaret Rose School	9	2	7		100			100			100						33	67		50	50		29	71				22		78	11		89
R.B. Dickey School	42	21	21	7	83	10	10	81	10	5	86	10				10	24	67	10	33	57	10	14	76				17	7	76	24	7	69
Rawdon District School	22	8	14	9	82	9		88	13	14	79	7				32	41	27	50	25	25	21	50	29				55	14	32	50	5	45
Redcliff Middle School	202	94	108	7	77	15	9	83	9	6	72	21				17	33	50	23	39	37	12	28	60				29	9	62	34	5	61
River Hebert Elementary School	24	15	9	33	67		33	67		33	67					38	50	13	47	40	13	22	67	11				54	17	29	50	25	25
River John Consolidated School	10	5	5		100			100			100					10	60	30	20	60	20		60	40				20	40	40	20	30	50
Riverside Education Centre	232	115	117	10	80	10	12	79	9	8	80	12				21	41	38	27	47	26	15	36	50				40	9	51	36	10	54

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Sir Charles Tupper School (Warren)	25	10	15	4	92	4	10	90			93	7				20	28	52	30	10	60	13	40	47				40	4	56	24	8	68
St. Charles Elementary School	27	10	17	11	74	15	10	80	10	12	71	18				7	30	63	20	30	50		29	71				22	11	67	19	7	74
St. Mary's Elementary School	20	11	9	25	70	5	18	82		33	56	11				50	50		55	45		44	56					80	5	15	70	15	15
Stellarton Middle School	41	23	18	2	90	7	4	87	9		94	6				29	56	15	35	43	22	22	72	6				59	7	34	49	20	32
Stewiacke Elementary School	24	13	11	17	83		8	92		27	73					21	42	38	31	46	23	9	36	55				46	13	42	29	4	67
Tatamagouche Elementary School	34	14	20	18	71	12	29	64	7	10	75	15				3	47	50	7	43	50		50	50				21	6	74	32	6	62
Temperance Street School	21	12	9	10	81	10	8	92		11	67	22				43	33	24	50	33	17	33	33	33				57	5	38	57	10	33
Thorburn Consolidated School	30	12	18	10	73	17	17	67	17	6	78	17				10	50	40	8	75	17	11	33	56				33	10	57	23	17	60
Trenton Middle High School	43	25	18	14	79	7	20	68	12	6	94					16	53	30	16	56	28	17	50	33				56	9	35	26	14	60
Uniacke District School	46	28	18	11	76	13	14	75	11	6	78	17				26	30	43	29	29	43	22	33	44				35	7	59	39	4	57
Upper Stewiacke Elementary School	11	2	9	18	82		50	50		11	89					9	55	36	50	50			56	44				27	27	45	45		55
Wallace Consolidated School	13	5	8	8	85	8	20	80			88	13				31	8	62	60	20	20	13		88				31		69	38		62
West Colchester Consolidated School	25	16	9	8	88	4	6	88	6	11	89					16	56	28	13	69	19	22	33	44				40	8	52	32	16	52
West End Memorial School	23	10	13	4	87	9	10	90			85	15				17	61	22	30	50	20	8	69	23				35	9	57	65	4	30
West Highlands School	25	10	15	4	80	16		90	10	7	73	20				20	48	32	20	40	40	20	53	27				36	12	52	44	4	52
West Pictou Consolidated School	102	47	55	6	81	13	4	87	9	7	76	16	4	68	29	19	37	44	28	45	28	11	31	58	7	36	57	34	9	57	31	11	58
Westville Middle School	72	39	33	14	79	7	13	79	8	15	79	6				32	46	22	46	44	10	15	48	36				51	15	33	53	11	36
Willow Street School	29	18	11	10	83	7	17	72	11		100					14	41	45	17	39	44	9	45	45				41	3	55	28	10	62

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Supporting Students

Providing individual and school-by-school results is part of the province's Learning for Life plan. The results give parents, teachers, school boards and the Department of Education information to support all students, especially those who are struggling with reading and/or writing.

Parents and guardians are getting their own children's results. Schools are contacting parents of students who did not meet expectations to discuss the results and ways to support these students. The support will continue in junior high and for as long as it is needed.

As well, each school has its own students' results, which will help teachers, principals, parents and guardians, and others with plans for improving their schools. All partners will have results each year to measure progress and the impact of decisions designed to improve students' literacy skills.

The department will continue to work with its partners to help all students in Nova Scotia learn and grow to their full potential.

For more information about the Elementary Literacy Assessment visit our website at <**plans.EDnet.ns.ca**>.